

**SUN CITY WEST DESERT GARDEN CLUB
MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

APRIL 11, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: President Dave Wiegand called the meeting to order at 8:57 AM in R.H. Johnson Social Hall East. There were 70 members and 1 guest in attendance with 5 being new members.

DONATION PRESENTATIONS: Carol Berka presented a \$1000.00 check to June Hell, President and Director of the SCW Meals on Wheels whose mission is to improve the quality of life for everyone in our community. Fifty volunteers supply 500 meals six days a week. She also presented a \$1,000.00 check to Jerry Brown, Director of Public Relations for St. Mary's Food Bank. A donation of \$1.00 provides 5 meals and they average 200 families a day.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Melissa Leach's report, as of March 31, 2023, stated March sales of \$8,797.00 with 64% by credit card. Checking Account balance is \$33,531.81.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of the last Member Meeting, February 10, 2023, were read and accepted with one change.

NEW BUSINESS:

Botanical Garden Team: Dave Wiegand introduced the Botanical Garden Leadership Team of Jim Consolloy, leader; Pat Wanta, head designer and Diana Peppin, irrigation systems. He also stated that the irrigation is a drip system on a timer, and that we need more summer help.

Recommendations by Board: A motion was made by Pat Wanta and seconded by Judy Savage that we donate \$500.00 to Doves Mobile Advocacy, \$500.00 to Northwest Valley Connect, \$500.00 to R. H. Johnson Library, \$500.00 to the SCW Radio Station. Another motion was made to donate \$1000.00 to the SCW Posse. Both motions passed.

Mission Statement: Dave Wiegand read the mission statement. SCW Desert Garden Club's mission is to promote, nurture and sustain interest in desert plants through education and charitable service to the SCW community, and to provide social activities for members.

Program: Our speaker was Tyler Clark from Summer Winds Nursery on the topic "Summer Care Sunny Solutions".

Drawing: Club members were the recipients of 17 plants donated by Summer Winds Nursery.

May Meeting: The speaker will be Desert Garden Club member Jim Consolloy on the topic "Birding in your Backyard".

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Thomas